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**Answers from Sweden to the request from the Ministry of The Environment in Finland if Sweden wishes to continue the consultations of the powerline project between Keminmaa and Torne älv according to the Espoo Convention.**

Sweden was invited by Finland to participate in the consultation under articles 4 and 5 of the Espoo Convention in relation to the planned 400 kV powerline in Keminmaa – Torne älv. The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) invited Swedish government agencies, organizations and other parties to give consultation comments on the environmental impact assessment between 13<sup>th</sup> of February and 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2020.

Between the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July and 31<sup>st</sup> of August, Swedish government agencies and organizations was given the opportunity to further comment on the replies from Närings-, trafik- och miljöcentralen in Lappland. Närings-, trafik- och miljöcentralen in Lapplands justified conclusions was sent out to five organizations who had commented on the EIA in the first round. The SEPA received two replies with comments.

Comments were received from *Sametinget* and *the county administrative board in Norrbotten* (Länsstyrelsen i Norrbotten), statements and comments are enclosed.

*Sametinget* stated that they do not have anything to add in this stage of the process.

*The county administrative board in Norrbotten* noticed that the justified conclusions prepared by the relevant authority had taken in considerations their prior comments regarding potential consequences for the reindeer husbandry, environmental protection, Natura 2000, the natural environment and species why they in this stage of the process don't see the need for further comments. However, the County administrative board do not consider that their comments regarding landscape,

cultural environment and agriculture has been fully considered. Please see attached their original statement for further explanation.

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For the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

*This decision has been made digitally and therefore lacks signatures*

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**Enclosed:**

Comments from the county administrative board in Norrbotten  
Comments from Sametinget

**Cc.**

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